Build Roads—Lots of Roads On Island, Chambers Urge

CAMPBELL RIVER—A vigorous road building program for Vancouver Island—particularly the northern section—was urged by the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Vancouver Island at its annual convention here.

Resolutions supporting the road program, plus parks, traffic and sales tax proposals will be forwarded to the provincial government. Priority on the proposed road program was given to the extension of the Island Highway from its present terminus to Port Hardy on the far northeast coast of Vancouver Island.

Other road recommendations: Completion of a road linking Courtenay, Comox and the Albernis, opening to the public of the Gold River-Elk Valley road by the Elk River and Tahsis logging companies involved, construction of the Buttle Lake access road along "the most feasible route."

Elimination of dangerous corners at Oyster River and Hudson's Corner on the Island Highway was also urged.

The chamber of commerce delegates also recommended replacement of 15-mile-an-hour school zones with "stop when occupied" signs in organized areas.

The chambers will also seek to have the provincial government provide the B.C. Power Commission with funds to enable the BCPC to provide power for fringe settlements on Vancouver Island, "until these fringe settlements are self supporting."

Other resolutions called for improvement of access to lakes and seashores "for the benefit of residents as well as tourists," inclusion of 'Forbidden Plateau in Strathcona Park.

Exemption from the 5 per cent sales tax for "all machinery and equipment" for new industries will also be sought by the association.

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Island Chamber Chief

New president of the Associated Chambers of Vancouver Island is Wallace Baikie, Campbell River.

Dull 'Spiral' Study Blasted

QUALICUM BEACH — Alberni district teachers severely criticized the basic philosophy of the B. C. department of education curriculum before the Chant Education Commission here.

The teachers demanded that the "spiral method of curriculum planning with its attendant evils of monotony and inefficiency be abandoned."

They described the spiral method as a repetition of a subject at two or three different grade levels, each time at a different level of difficulty.

"We must teach less material more thoroughly and get it through to the students," the brief said.

The only solution was curriculum revision emphasizing mastery of a subject when it is first taught, it claimed.

Gulf Islands May Get Ladner Ferry

Possible addition of the Ladner ferry on the mainland to the fleet of Gulf Islands Ferry Co. Ltd., has been forecast by Gavin C. Mouat, president of the company.

"We hope to have a new vessel available for the service before too long," he told a meeting of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce. "The provincial government ferry Mv. Delta Princess may be released to us as soon as the Deas Island tunnel is opened. When we get that boat, our capacity for carrying passengers and cars will be substantially increased."

To Hold Rites For Resident Of 53 Years

Funeral services for Ewart Gladstone Ayliffe, 71, a resident of B.C. for 53 years, will be held at 10.30 a.m. Saturday in McCall's funeral home, Victoria. He will be buried in Parksville.

Mr. Ayliffe, who was born in Bath, England, came to B.C. in 1906. He was government telegraph agent in the Skeena district and Port Alberni until his retirement in 1954.

He is survived by his wife Anne; three daughters, Mrs. H. E. Alder and Mrs. G. C. Stewart of Victoria and Laura Elizabeth Ayliffe travelling in Europe; and two grandsons.

Principles Of Act Won't Alter

PORT ALBERNI — There will be no change in the principles of the Assessment Equalization Act pending the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada on the case of MacMillan and Bloedel Ltd. vs. the corporation of Port Alberni.

Mayor Loran Jordon reported that he had been given to understand that proposed amendments to the act would not change underlying principles.

Agriculture Clinic Set

A meeting of the Victoria and Islands Branch of the Agricultural Institute of Canada will be held at the experimental farm pavilion at Saanichton Tuesday.

The special meeting, devoted to gardening, horticulture, panel presentation, will be held under the chairmanship of Alan Littler, district horticulturist for Vancouver Island.

Rare Plants To Be Shown

Rare and common wild plants of Vancouver Island will be entered in the annual Vancouver Island Rock and Alpine Garden Society show April 17 and 18 in the Crystal Garden.

The show will include a novice section, rock plant section and children's section.

Duncan's 'No, No Nanette' Greeted by Good House

By BERT BINNY

DUNCAN — A good house greeted the opening last night of "No, No Nanette," presented by the Duncan Music Society.

While the show as a whole had not quite reached the point of complete stability, there were many excellent individual acting performances, pace was maintained and there was color and liveliness.

However, too many of the vocal numbers were ragged at the edges and this was almost certainly in large measure due to a forest of microphones dotted about the stage. They influenced the cast likes flames influence moths.

The attack on many of the choral numbers was too deliberate and often petered out rather than finishing in the expected blaze of glory.

But, when it came to individual performances, to characterization, to reaction and to by-play, there were some dandy examples. In fact, there was none that could justly be called weak.

Virginia Lefever's "Nanette" was beautifully acted. Tosca Oyen was excellent as "Pauline," and Ed Cuppage as "Bill Early" was consistently in musical comedy character. John Cowans sang and acted very well indeed.

The chorus vocally was in fine style, but movements seemed cramped.

Costumes, settings and lighting were highlights of the show, full of color and vitality.

"No, No Nanette" was directed by Margaret Hall with Bob Howard in charge of the music. It runs again tonight and Saturday in Cowichan High School with curtain time at 8.15. Most important of all, it gives every indication of smoothing away rough spots as the run progresses.

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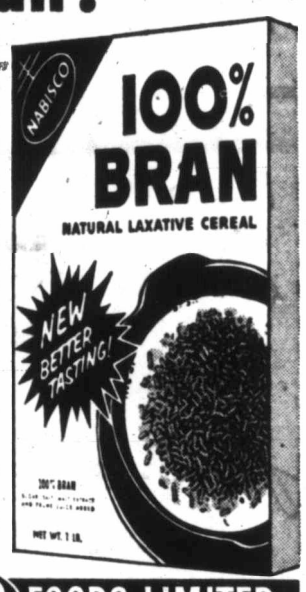

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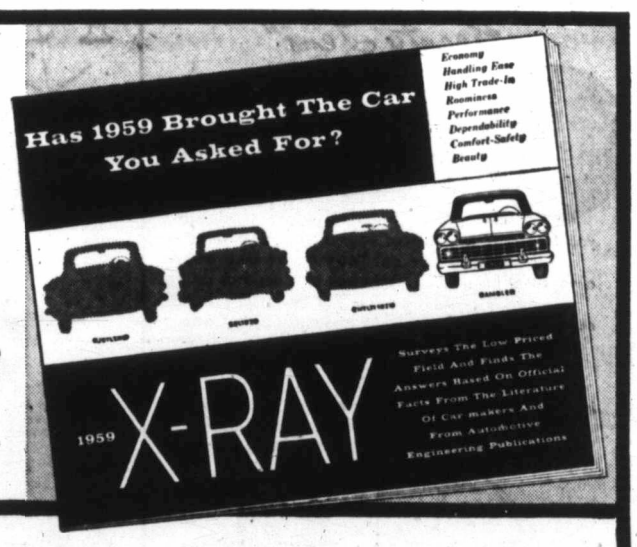

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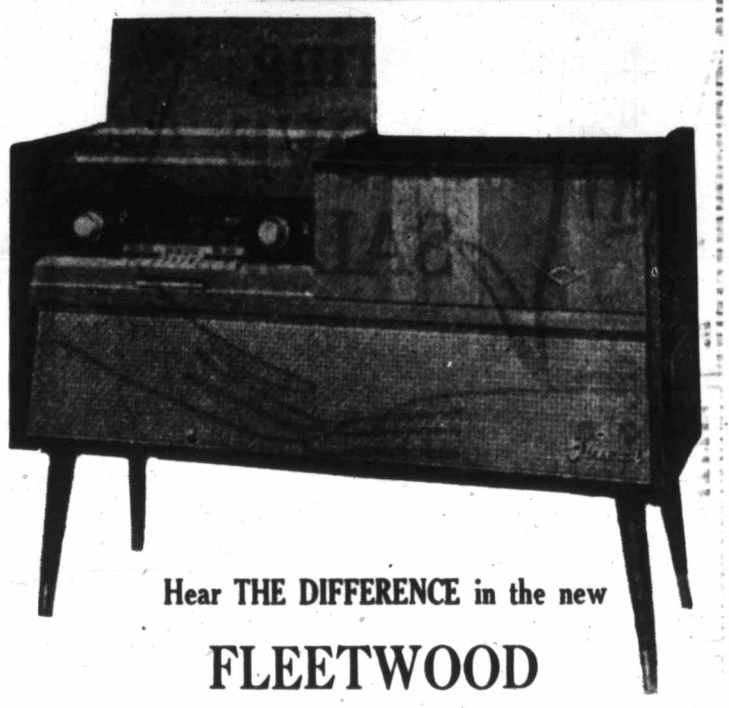

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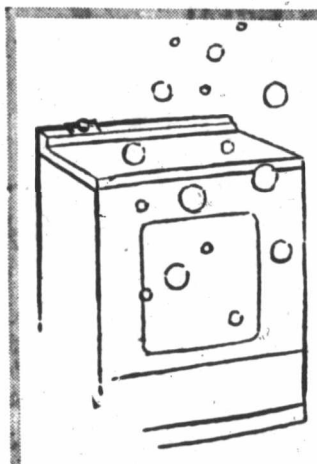

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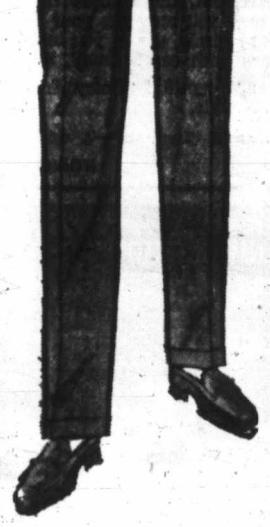

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